

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable device, comprising:

a display component main body having a first surface, a first side surface smaller than said first surface, and an external display device disposed on said first surface;

5 a device main body having a second side surface that has approximately a same height as said first side surface, and a third side surface that intersects said second side surface;

10 said first side surface rotatably coupled to said second side surface so that said display component main body and said device main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

15 a grip projecting from a surface of said display component main body that faces opposite said first surface;

wherein a distance between said third side surface and said axis of rotation is equal to a distance between a surface of said grip and said axis of rotation.

2. The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising a wireless communication aperture formed on one of a surface perpendicular to said third side surface on said device main body and a surface perpendicular to said first surface on said display component main body.

20 3. The portable device according to claim 1, further comprising an operating button for operating said external display device disposed on said first surface of said display component main body.

4. The portable device according to claim 2, further comprising an operating button for operating wireless communication disposed on said first surface of said display component main body.

25 5. A portable device, comprising:

a display component main body having a first surface, a first side surface smaller than said first surface, and an external display device disposed on said first surface;

30 a device main body having a second side surface that has approximately a same height as said first side surface;

said first side surface rotatably coupled to said second side surface so that said display component main body and said device main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

5 a grip projecting from a third surface of the device main body, said third surface intersecting said second side surface on said device main body; and

wherein a distance between said axis of rotation and a fourth surface of the display component main body which intersects said first surface and said first side surface is equal to a distance between a surface of said grip and said axis of rotation.

6. The portable device according to claim 5, further comprising a wireless communication aperture formed on one of a surface perpendicular to said fourth side surface on said display component main body and a surface perpendicular to said third surface on said device main body.

10 7. The portable device according to claim 5, further comprising an operating button for operating said external display device disposed on a surface facing opposite the third side surface of said device main body.

15 8. The portable device according to claim 6, further comprising an operating button for operating wireless communication disposed on a surface facing opposite the third side surface of said device main body.

9. The portable device according to claim 5, wherein:
20 said display component main body and said device main body are formed as parallelepipeds of approximately the same shape and size; and
said device main body is an electronic camera having a lens aperture on either side surface adjacent to said second side surface.

10. An electronic camera, comprising:
25 a first main body section and a second main body section, said first and second main body sections each having upper and lower surfaces delimited by first and second edges, front and rear surfaces delimited by the first edges and third edges, and right and left surfaces delimited by the second and third edges, respectively, said first and second main bodies having approximately the same size and being rotatably coupled to each other by respective right and left surfaces thereof;
an optical viewfinder object window disposed on said front surface of said first main body section;

a photographic lens aperture disposed on said front surface of said first main body section; and

a screen monitor disposed on said upper surface of said second main body section.

5 11. The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein a relative axis of rotation of said first and second main body sections is located approximately at a central portion of said right and left surfaces.

10 12. The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein:
said screen monitor is disposed near a corner section of said upper surface adjacent to said front surface and said first main body section; and
a finger rest is positioned on a corner section of said second main body section diametrically opposed to said screen monitor.

15 13. The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein an ocular window of said optical viewfinder is disposed on the rear surface of said first main body section near the second main body section.

20 14. The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a flash device and a range finder in said first main body section, wherein apertures of said flash device and of said range finder are located in the front surface of said first main body section.

15. The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a flash device and a focus detection device provided in said first main body section, wherein apertures of said flash device and of said focus detection device are located in the front surface of said first main body section.

25 16. The electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a release button provided on said upper surface of said first main body section.

17. The electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein a length of said first edge of said first and second main body sections is between 40 and 80mm.

30 18. An electronic camera comprising:
an imaging unit main body including a first face and a first side face which intersects said first face;
a display unit main body including a second face, a second side face which is perpendicular to said second side face, and an external display apparatus on said second face;

said first side face rotatably coupled to said second side face so that said display unit main body and said imaging unit main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

5 a lens unit and an optical viewfinder unit in the imaging unit main body, each having an optical axis parallel to the first side face, and lined up in order from said first side face toward an opposing side face that faces in an opposite direction than said first side face.

10 19. The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising an electronic flash unit arranged between said optical viewfinder unit and said opposing face.

15 20. The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising a display window for displaying the status of the electronic camera, said display window arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

20 21. The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising a setting button for setting a control state of the electronic camera, said setting button arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

25 22. The electronic camera according to claim 18, further comprising:
 a display window for displaying the status of the electronic camera; and
 a setting button for setting a control state of the electronic camera;
 wherein said display window and said setting button are arranged on said first face over said lens unit.

30 23. The electronic camera according to claim 22, further comprising:
 an imaging button and a zoom button, both buttons disposed on said first face at a positions closer to said opposing side face than said display window and said setting button.

24. The electronic camera according to claim 18, wherein said imaging unit main body and said display unit main body have substantially the same parallelepiped shape and size.

30 25. An electronic camera comprising:
 an imaging unit main body including a first face and a first side face which intersects said first face;

a display unit main body including a second face, a second side face which is perpendicular to said second side face, and an external display apparatus on said second face;

5 said first side face rotatably coupled to said second side face so that said display unit main body and said imaging unit main body are rotatable relative to each other about an axis of rotation; and

10 a rotary operation member on a portion of said second face of said display unit main body that is located adjacent to an opposing side face of said display unit main body that faces in an opposite direction than said second side face, said rotary operation member scrolling a display screen of said external display apparatus in a scrolling direction.

26. The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said rotary operation member is located on a side of the external display apparatus along a bisector of said display screen in the scrolling direction

15 27. The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said imaging unit main body and said display unit main body have substantially the same parallelepiped shape and size.

28. The electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein said rotary operation member rotates in the scrolling direction.